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SUBJECT: KOREA AT 31ST UNGA- CORE GROUP MEETING MAY 19

REF: A) USUN 2228; B) USUN 2178; C) USUN 2166; D) USUN 2085;
E) USUN 2146; F) USUN 2147; G) USUN 2189

1. SUMMARY: DURING THREE-HOUR, WORKING-LEVEL MEETING AT USUN ON LATE AFTERNOON OF MAY 29, CORE GROUP ON KOREA DEVOTED FULL MEETING TO REPORTS ON : A) APPROACHES IN NONALIGNED CAPITALS; (B) SOUNDINGS OF NONALIGNED IN NEW YORK; (C) COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE AT FORTHCOMING UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND (D) VISIT TO BRUSSELS BY NORTH KOREAN ENVOY. END SUMMARYK.

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2. LACK OF CONVENER ACTIVITY: CANADA TOOK VIGOROUS LEAD IN

POINTING OUT APPARENT LACKS OF CONVENER ACTIVITY;

(A) BELGRADE- CANADA REPORTED NETHERLANDS INACTIVE IN CONVENING CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES. (NETHERLANDS MISSION ADVISED USUN MAY 24, THAT MATTER IN HAND)

(B) JIDDA - CANADA REPORTED ROK INACTIVE IN CONVEING CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES. ROK SAID IT WOULD ACT TO INSURE THAT APPROPRIATE INSTRUCTIONS ARE SENT JIDDA.

(C) ACCRA - CANADA REPORTED LACK OF ACTIVITY ON PART OF JAPAN IN CONVENING CORE GROUP REPRESENTATIVES. JAPAN INDICATED IT WOULD INQUIRE INTO PROBLEM.

(D) LIMA - AS REPORTED REF (B), NEW ZEALAND RAISED SITUATION REGARDING COSTA RICAN AMBASSADOR'S LACK OF INSTRUCTIONS TO ACT AS CONVENER. ROK UNDERTOOK ACTION IN SAN JOSE TO RESOLVE MATTERS AND HAS SINCE REPORTED TO USUN THAT MATTER IN HAND.

3. NORTH KOREAN VISIT TO BRUSSELS: AS REPORTED REF (G) BELGIUM DESCRIBED VISIT TO BRUSSELS BY NORTH KOREAN ENVOY DJIN.

4. APPROACHES IN NONALIGNED CAPITALS:

(A) TUNIS-BELGIUM WHICH IS CONVENER IN TUNIS REPORTED FINDING RATHER FIRM NEUTRAL POSITION ON KOREA. BELGIUM AND ROK BOTH REPORTED THAT TUNISIA WOULD WORK HARD FOR COMPROMISE AND CONSENSUS. (B) PORT LOUIS- UK, CONVENER IN MAURITIUS, REPORTED THAT MAURITIUS WOULD NOT CHANGE POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND ABSTENTION ON HOSTILE.

(C) MASERU- UK, CONVENER IN LESOTHO, REPORTED NO INDICATION OF CHANGE IN SUPPORT FOR FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND OPPOSITION TOHOSTILE. UK SAID ANTICIPATED VISIT OF LESOTHO'S PRIME MINISTER TO SEOUL LATER IN YEAR COULD BE TAKEN AS SIGN THAT LESOTHO'S POSITION WILL HOLD.

(D) JIDDA- CANADA REPORTED THAT SAUDI ARABIA WOULD NOT BE ACTIVE AT COLOMBO. CANADA ADDED THAT SAUDI DELEGATION TO COLOMBO HAS NOT BEEN DECIDED ON.

(E) SINGAPORE- CANADA SAID SINGAPORE WAS UNLIKELY TO TAKE AN INITIATIVE AT COLOMBO REGARDING KOREA. JAPAN COMMENTED THAT SINGAPORE WOULD KEEP A LOW PROFILE BUT VOTE ON KOREA AS IN PAST; VOTE FOR FRIENDLY, ABSTAIN ON HOSTILE.

(F) OUAGADOUGOU- ROK REPORTED UPPER VOLTAN AMBASSADOR IN WASHINGTON UNHAPPY WITH USG. YAGIBOU CLAIMED THAT UPPER VOLTA HAD NOT RECEIVED MUCH IN RETURN FOR HIS ABSENCE DURING CONFIDENTIAL

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(G) AMMAN- JAPAN REPORTED THAT JORDAN'S BASIC POSITION OF SUPPORT FOR ROK REMAINED UNCHANGED.

(H) BANGUI - ROK (CONVENER) REPORTED THAT DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER AND VICE FOREIGN MINISTER HAD PROMISED THAT C.A.R.'S

SUPPORT. (I) ABIDJAN- ROK HAD GOTTEN ASSURANCES THAT THE IVORY COAST WOULD SUPPORT A FRIENDLY AND VOTE AGAINST A HOSTILE RESOLUTION.

(J) FREETOWN- ROK (CONVENER) REPORTED THAT SIERRA LEONE WOULD TAKE SAME POSITION AT COLOMBO AND IN UNGA ON KOREA AS IN PAST: ABSTAIN ON BOTH RESOLUTIONS.

(K) JAKARTA - ROK (CONVENER) REPORTED THAT INDONESIA WOULD DO BEST TO HELP ROK. HOWEVER, DUE TO TIMOR QUESTION, ROK DOUBTED THAT INDONESIA COULD DO MUCH TO HELP AT COLOMBO.

(L) RABAT - ROK ASKING MOROCCANS TO INTERCEDE WITH MAURITANIANS ON KOREA.

5. SOUNDINGS OF NONALIGNED IN NEW YORK:

US SUMMARIZED RESULTS OF SOUNDINGS OF YUGOSLAV, ALGERIAN, SRI LANKAN AND NEPALESE REPRESENTATIVES (REFS (C), (D),(E), (F)). CORE GROUP COMMENTED MOST FAVORABLY ON THESE EFFORTS.

6. COMPOSITION OF GENERAL COMMITTEE:

(A) ROK REPORTED ADOPTION BY AFRICAN REGIONAL GROUP OF FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 31 ST UNGA TO BE CONFIRMED AT FORTHCOMING OAU MEETING IN MAURITIUS:

(I) FOR CHAIRMAN OF SECOND COMMITTEE - UGANADA

(II) FOR CHAIRMAN OF SPECIAL POLITICAL COMMITTEE - LESOTHO

(III) FOR VICE PRESIDENCIES OF 31 ST UNGA - CHAD, GUINEA AND SUDAN

(B) ADDITIONALLY, SINCE MAY 19, USUN HAS RECEIVED WORD THAT LATIN AMERICAN GROUP HAS ENDORSED BOLOIVIA FOR CHAIRMANSHP OF SECOND COMMITTEE.

(C) ON BASIS PRESENT REPORTS OF CANDIDACIES 25 MEMBER UNGA GENERAL COMMITTEE SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS:

PRESIDENT- SRI LANKA

VICE PRESIDENTS (17)-

(I) PERMANENT MEMBERS OF UNSC (5) : US, UK, FRANCE, USSR, CHINA;

(II) EASTERN EUROPE (1) : GDR;

(III) WEOG (2) : AUSTRALIA, DENMARK, TURKEY AND POSSIBLY CONFIDENTIAL

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PORTUGAL;

(IV) AFRICA (4): CHAD, GUINEA, SUDAN;

(V) ASIA (3) : JAPAN, DEOMCRATIC YEMEN, OMAN;

(VI) LATIN AMERICA (2): NICARAGUA.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN (7):

I COMMITTEE - POLAND;

SPECIAL POLIT COM. - LESOTHO;

II COMMITTEE - BOLIVIA AND UGANDA;

III COMMITTEE - FRG;

IV COMMITTEE - ;

V COMMITTEE - ;

VI COMMITTEE - FINLAND.

6. FURTHER ACTIVITY: ROK ANNOUNCED TO CORE GROUP THAT IT WOULD BE SENDING MINISTERIAL-LEVEL DELEGATIONS TO : KENYA,

MALAWI, MAURITIUS, SWAZILAND, ETHIOPIA, SEYCHELLES, UPPER
VOLTA, SENEGAL, NIGER, CHAD, AND CAMEROON.
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